

REMARKS

Claims 2-26 have been canceled. New device claims 27-46 have been added. No new matter has been included.

Allowance of all Claims is requested.

It is requested that should the Examiner not find that the Claims are now Allowable that the Examiner call the undersigned at 765 4530866 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

After the title, insert -- This is a continuation of Patent Application serial number 09/970,787, filing date 10/5/01, Composite Etching Stop In Semiconductor Process Integration, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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A reference to the parent case has been added by Preliminary Amendment to this Continuation.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the subject Patent Application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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